

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 23, 2005. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 14, 16 to 20 and 22 to 25 remain pending in the application, with Claim 21 having been cancelled herein. Claims 1, 11 and 23 to 25 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim 22 has been amended merely to correct a typographical error in the dependency thereof.

Claims 1 to 4, 6, 7, 9 to 14, 16, 17, and 19 to 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Kondou (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,075), and Claims 8 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kondou in view of Snowdon (U.S. Patent No. 6,671,737). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns transmitting data between servers on different networks based on a user's location. According to the invention, when a user changes location, the user's new location is determined. Based on the user's new location, data stored in one server is transmitted to another server located nearest the user's new location, without the user inputting an instruction for outputting (e.g., printing) the data. Then, when a user does input an instruction to output (print) the data, the data which has already been transmitted can be printed out at a printer in the user's new location.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 1 is a data output system in which a plurality of output apparatuses and a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses are connected together through a network, and data stored in one of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses is output by one of the plurality of

output apparatuses, comprising pursuing means for pursuing a user's location, data transmission means for selecting one of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to location information indicative of the user's location pursued by the pursuing means, and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus, and output processing means for transmitting the data transmitted to the selected information accumulating apparatus by the data transmission means from the selected information accumulating apparatus to the one of the plurality of output apparatuses in accordance with an instruction from the user for the output of the data, wherein the data is transmitted from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus without an instruction from the user for the output of the data.

Amended independent Claims 11, 21 and 23 to 25 are method, terminal, apparatus, storage medium, and computer program claims, respectively, that include features which substantially correspond to those included in Claim 1.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 to 25. More particularly, the applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of selecting one of a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to a user's location and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus without an instruction from the user for the output of the data.

Kondou is merely seen to disclose a mobile terminal 10 that informs a server 21 of positional information on a current position and destination of the terminal. The server 21 retrieves service information from a database based on the positional information and sends the retrieved information to the mobile terminal. Thus, the server 21 merely receives the positional information from the mobile terminal and transmits the service information to the terminal, but the server 21 does not select one terminal from among a plurality of terminals that corresponds to the positional information. That is, regardless of the positional information of the mobile terminal 10, the server 21 always transmits data to the same mobile terminal and does not determine any terminals or servers located nearest the positional information of the mobile terminal so that the server can transmit data to the selected terminal. Accordingly, Kondou is not seen to disclose or to suggest the foregoing features of the present invention.

Moreover, the Office Action merely asserts that Kondou shows selecting a terminal (mobile phone) to send information to based on location, and therefore, it teaches the idea of selecting one terminal from among a plurality of terminals. However, this only addresses the elements of selecting "one of a plurality of output devices", but the present invention also claims the use of selecting "one of a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses" to which data is to be transmitted to based on the user's location without the user inputting an instruction to output the data. In contrast, Kondou only teaches the use of a single information server. Thus, the Office Action has not presented prior art that addresses this difference and therefore, Applicant believes that the Office Action's anticipation rejection is incorrect.

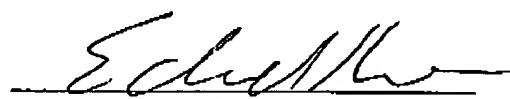
Snowdon has been studied but is not seen to add anything that, when combined with Kondou, would have rendered the present invention obvious. In particular, Snowdon, like Kondou, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of selecting one of a plurality of information accumulating apparatuses that corresponds to a user's location and transmitting data that has been stored in another of the plurality of information accumulating apparatuses from the another information accumulating apparatus to the selected information accumulating apparatus without an instruction from the user for the output of the data.

In view of the foregoing, amended independent Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 to 25, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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